were made with retrospective effect from the date of the Government Order, will the Government kindly ask the Tiruchirappalli District Board, as an interim measure, to waive these recoveries and to refund those large amounts which have been recovered from the teachers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Recoveries have already been effected. Whether the amounts should be refunded or not is under the consideration of Government.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Is the Hon. the Minister for Education aware that in the case of Headmasters also, this rule has been applied and the recovery has been made?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, in the case of all teaching personnel. Whether the rule should apply in all cases is under consideration of the Government.

Stipends to students in shortened B.T. Class

* 130 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether stipends are granted to students belonging to Backward Classes in shortened B.T. Class;

(*b*) the number of such students who applied for stipends for the shortened B.T. course that commenced on 15th December 1954 at the Teachers' College, Saidapet; and

(*c*) the number of students who were given stipends?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir. Stipends are being paid from 1956–57 to such of those students belonging to Harijan and Backward communities as are undergoing the shortened B.T. Course, provided they had not received stipends while they underwent secondary grade training and were not also in receipt of stipends or scholarships from any other department of Government or from local bodies.

(*b*) Three students.

(*c*) No student was given stipend, as the stipend was sanctioned only from the year 1956–57.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Government kindly consider the case of such students as were admitted to the course which commenced on 15th December 1954 in case they have not received the stipend during their secondary grade training and had not received any emolument during the B.T. shortened course?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : They should have finished their training by now. I do not know whether the hon. Member wants that we should put into their hands some money now. Then, we cannot call it a stipend.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.